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#### The Socialistic Tax and the Central izing Tax.

Harper's Magazine for this month contains an article on the fear of death by an eminent physician and surgeon of New York who has had a century of experience at the bedside of the dying and those who thought they were dying. The senior Senator from Iowa made a speech a few days ago in the Senate which armed death with a terror which perhaps Dr. KEYES had not in mind when writing his comforting paper.

Mr. DOLLIVER, referring to death taxes for the very rich, said:

" Go on with your labors: go on with your spec ations: make everything you can. We despair of cing able to control your activ ties while you are tiving; but work always with the understanding that the Government of the United States wi represented at your funeral not among the fourners shedding tears over your departure, but as a sort of court of equity to distribute your estate, to turn back 'nto the common treasury activities of your lifetime."

Mr. DOLLIVER has had long experience in Congress. He was for a dozen years a Republican member of the House from Iowa and has been a Senator since 1900. He has exceptional intellectual power and faculty of extempore speech, as the foregoing attests. He has resisted with much vigor the Aldrich schedules in the pending tariff bill. For many such reasons his proclamation of the purpose of the Washington Government to hover hereafter with the tax warrant over deathbeds of the rich is a serious and solemn warning. Perhaps he would describe them as "the idle rich," including women and minors whose property in the hands of trustees cannot with safety for the trustee be used in speculative enterprises; but he might not, as ROOSEVELT habitually did, point at them as "malefactors of great wealth.

Nobody of a fair amount of intelligence and honesty will deny that equal and reasonable taxes, laid in a reasonable way, solely to obtain money to carry on with economy a reasonable Government, are a benefit to the payers. They augment and protect general and individual wealth. They are a good expaid from income and that diminish private capital are injurious, because, for one reason, they imperil and dry up Government revenue at its source.

It is not very likely-since so many

States, preferring to keep death taxes for their own exclusive use, protested recently against including them in the tariff bill, although President TAPT at first recommended it to be done-that Congress will reenact those taxes; but if it does, what economic advantage does Mr. DOLLIVER fancy any one will excite his animosity? What can Con- acquired for that very purpose gress do with the millions thus acquired? It is not easy to see how they could be would tend to communism of so rank a kind that it could not have Mr. DOLLIthat the desire of individuals to accumulate would remain as strong as now, but it is not probable. The sources of spicuous, would be destroyed, and great moralization would come upon the Government at Washington.

Iowa is now at liberty to try in her own jurisdiction the experiment of confiscating by death taxes great individual wealth; but is Senator DOLLIVER ready to advise that it be done?

Every one hereabout is glad to believe there are great gains and incomes for fortunate owners of city real estate and town sites in Iowa by reason of growth of population, the "unearned ment" described by the late HENRY GEORGE as the result of the movement of society, and for which the owners picture some ancestor of STUBES in Holland, or equally balanced—ever injured the proshave done nothing; but Mr. DOLLIVER did DURFR imagine STUBBS 400 years ago? Or does not advocate an annual tax of 20 what? It is easy to imagine what Morr or 50 per cent. on such increment because it has promoted "swollen foratunes.

Assume that the judicial power of the United States, bound by the de- nightle the surprise was astounding, and it D'ENNERY'S "The Martyr" did not affect cision of the Supreme Court in the should be made a part of the chronicle of this the fate of the Madison Square pro-Maryland bank case that "a power to frivolous adventure. For it was the most im- duction of the same play that came at a tax is a power to destroy," cannot re- portant impression of the Munich gallery." strain Congress, and that unlimited To the artistic appreciation, to the presented new and dissimilar versions now really advocate its exercise?

rapidity and thoroughness.

artificial butter, the existence of State departed these shores. lotteries and so on, in like perversion of the right of Congress to tax, until the porations by a Federal tax. Reversal cision by an amendment of the Constienable a majority vote in Congress to management does not suit a majority unapportioned income tax, he said:

" I do not want it used for the purpose of taking money out of one part of the country in order o benefit another.

That is the very purpose for which the amendment of the Constitution is sought. Mr. Root went on to say:

"I do not wish to place in the hands of the United States the material for absorbing the functions of the States. I cherish as fondly the sov ereign powers of the States as I do the sovereign powers of the United States. I believe this coun ry is too great, its people too numerous, its interests too diversified to be ruled in all its is that STUBBS, the rabble rouser, hangs local affairs from one central Government at

That again is the thing which the Roosevelt-Taft corporation tax was poria in Kansas has approved it. devised to promote. If the distinguished Senator from New York could only break away once for all from the meshes of that unfortunate Pennsylvania dinner speech, into the making of which loyalty to ROOSEVELT impelled him! Then he could fitly lead New York opinion in the supreme issue now in sight. As it is, he is left to say:

"I see the right, and I approve it too Condemn the wrong, and yet the wrong pursu

## Women on the Warships.

Some one has revived the long forgotten question of the wives and other female relatives of naval officers accompanying them when they are ordered to sea. Incidentally we hear anew the wails over fond hearts severed by the cruel necessities of the military profession, though very little about the ease with which officers can escape these hardships by the simple expedient of himself. retiring to private life.

Listening to this sudden uproar over suppose that in the fine old days of the Worcester and the Lancaster the officers when sent upon a long cruise abroad d permanent suppression of the pracbeen permitted to sail on warships. But it must be obvious that the appear-

Women still go to sea on Government vessels, but they do not go with Admirals. Captains and such small fry. They gain by an 80 or 90 per cent. death tax go with very high officials indeed, and putting into the national Treasury the not on ironclads or cruisers, but on greater part of large fortunes that so pretty little despatch boats apparently

# St. Stubbs of Kansas.

to apply to an effete civilization and a protected. decadent art that diagnostic skill that VER'S approbation. Certainly the capi- in a single night lifted Kansas from law that led to the latest case of simultal of the country would be dissipated an epidemic to a disease. The great taneous production. It seems to have and its security shaken. It is possible adventure befell in Munich, whether by worked no hardship in that case. The accident or design we do not know: but in "the Munich gallery," which we hesitatingly identify as the Old Pingkoimmense private charities, now so con- thek, was found the final expression in Europe of the meaning of Kansas.

adventurer:

"And in the Munich gallery there is a great painted STUBBS as JOHN the Baptist. The likeness is more than marvellous; it is creepy. Here is a tall, awkward, red haired, one sided mancuriy hair at that-with the face of a fanatic and the frame of a giant; blue eyed, fine featured, the ALBAUGH and the crowd in the Federal building will say. They will say that JOHN the Baptist got

power to lay confiscating death taxes glory of local color with which a saint of "Don Casar de Bazan" it was with the s in its hands, would Mr. Dolliver is here invested, no unsanctified pen personality of the actors rather than the can seek to add. One suggestion alone merits of the dramas that the chances If Congress cannot tax for any pur-rises to our mind-our earthy souls of prosperous survival lay. "Two

public uses, but nevertheless wishes to desire the accurate in the presence the dramatic story "Forget Me Not," MOROCCO AGAIN ASTORM CENTRE in June. His mission is to raise money if to redistribute property, repeated busi- of the all beautiful, the truth even in was stopped before it was possible to ness panies like that brought on in the terrifying presence of genius. Is say what effect it might have had on by ROOSEVELT'S wild advocacy, it quite fair-we ask it humbly-to MERIVALE'S play. such as Senator Dolliver seems in permit John the Baptist to acquire for other purposes than revenue. We thoughtlessly bestowed upon John the described as "the police power," the these are as we have said, or were bedestroying State banks, the making of fore the Hon. WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE

be permitted to present to our readers latest scheme of controlling State cor- Europe complete as none of them, we venture to say, has ever seen it: but of the Supreme Court income tax de- that must be hereafter. It is enough now to have explained the miracle of tution is a part of a general plan to STUBBS, to have discovered the premonition and precursor of the illustriregulate the management of the local ous Kapsan, to have demonstrated that affairs of certain States whose present to the truly patriotic citizen of Kansas every picture and statue of the Old of the States of the Union. Mr. Root World has a mighty and mystical meantouched the essential part of that plan ing. One other scintillating sentence in his Senate speech two weeks ago and we are done-a final art criticism of when, referring to the power to lay an ancient days done in terms of contemporary Kansas:

"But whatever one saw of the human face is the canvases of the Dutch it was always a human soul that was painted-and never a saint's; and to a Kansan who has met no saints in all his life and few real sinners this was a refreshing change from the Italian pictures. But this is a small work after all. The number of people is limited."

Was DURER Dutch? Of course not: not as much as Kansas City is Kansan not as much as John the Baptist was St. John the Apostle. But these are decadent details; the all important thing in Munich, has been hanged 400 years. and having seen the hanging, at last, the Hon. WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE of Em-

### The Three.

Looking mournfully over what was once the Democratic party and has long been the rag tag and bobtail of Dollar Bill, that unrepentant and unchanged old style Democrat Deacon HEMPHILL finds himself about as lonely and apart politically as that fine and brave old Union man JAMES LOUIS Petigru was in Charleston in the last years of his life and the first of the civil war. The Deacon has been taking a census of genuine living Democrats in the South. Not a long job. Still, he finds Spartans enough to make a new Thermopyle. Three was all Byron asked. Three the Deacon exhibits. They are Elder IAMBLICHUS CATO CALD-WELL of Mecklenburg, N. C., Major WILLIAM WALLACE SCREWS of Montgomery, Ala., and, unnamed but obvious to all the good, Deacon HEMPRILL

We had not supposed that there were so many. So long as any one of them a dead and buried custom, one would survives the tree of Democracy is not wholly withered.

On reflection we cannot believe that Deacon HEMPHILL is mournful. There took with them their wives, their sisters, must be singing in his soul-at any their cousins and their aunts-every rate in the melodious midst of Elder man jack of them-and junketed all the CALDWELL, the keeper of a world way from New York to Hongkong or renowned aviary-the satisfaction of Bombay. It is hardly necessary to say being right, of ATHANASIUS against the that no such proceedings were thought world. Moreover, Republicans are getof even in that period, and it would be ting mighty scarce. It is perfectly idle to discuss the romantic incident true, as the Bryaniacs jeeringly say tice. Perhaps women should never have Republicans growing few; Ocala and the seats of power: that is what the ance of the modern vessel, crowded with philosophic Deacon sees from his lone doing your best to come in on the machinery and limited in space for the accommodation of the necessary perself whether in the forum of reason sonnel, automatically put an end to as much of the former custom as ever the Bryanism that calls itself the Democracy and the Bryanism that calls the face of the earth. I read that "St. Bernard, the face of the earth. I re machinery and limited in space for the palmetto tree. Does he ever ask him- of slee itself Republicanism?

# Simultaneous Production.

Theatrical affairs are not after all so systemized that two managers are not again preparing simultaneously to pro- town could furnish a Pellon of files. duce the same play. It comes from Europe, since such questions do not men of the West without money who truly great, there sailed from this port tween this country and Austria causes wish by the exercise of mental and outward bound on the great adventure the danger of simultaneous production physical muscles to put themselves and the Hon. WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE of here of works successful in Vienna or their families in a condition of opulence. Emporia in Kansas. It was not merely Budapest. One never hears of any The money could by Congress be dis- to discover Europe that this eminent disagreement as to the ownership of tributed among the States and by them divided among individuals, but that become too crowded. His mission was divided among individuals, but that become too crowded. His mission and a contract of the civilization and contract of the civilization and a contract of the civilization and contract of the civilization and

It was the uncertainty of the Austrian crude drama hurriedly put forward by two managers last autumn would probably have been ignored by the public but for the publicity of its dual performance. Neither manager was in-This is the revelation in the phrase jured by the fact that another version the illuminating phrase of the great of the same play was offered by a rival. Under ordinary conditions such rivalry would be felt; in this case the attention picture by ALBERT DURER, painted 400 years ago, attracted by the circumstance under that will interest Kansans. For DURER has which the two productions were made gave them a vogue which the play on its merits would never have attracted.

So the managers do not seem to fear simultaneous production as much as spit and image of STUBBS. He is clad in a red they did. Even when it was more fregarment like a nightle, and he is a man full of quent it is doubtful if the weaker perman's weaknesses and full of faults, but a rabble formance of the two-it is not conceivrouser and a crusader. Was the model for this able that their qualities should be perity of the more authentic production. AUGUSTIN DALY'S attempt to give "Cyrano de Bergerac" did not have it in the neck, and will gloat at the parallel; but a disadvantageous effect on RICHARD there it is, and to a Kansan coming around the MANSFIELD'S production of the Rostand corner and bumping plump into STUBBS in a red play. CLARA MORRIS'S performance of later date. When two actors recently

Most of the improprieties and dea measure to have fastened on himself, merit which of right belongs to an- linquencies of the theatrical business will reduce "swollen fortunes" with other? Glorious as it would be for of the days in which most of these John the Baptist to have been the au- cases occurred have been removed by The source and beginning of present thentic prototype of Governor STUBBS the newer processes of the commerce national troubles and issues are, it is of Kansas, the right is not his. For of entertainment. These seem impobeginning to be seen, in the war times the Dürer in the Old Pinakothek of tent, however, to prevent simultaneous gracefully accepted the result it seemed of half a century ago, when Congress Munich portrays St. John the Apostle production of plays that seem a good began to use generally the taxing power and to him must belong all the praise property to their owners. The final adjustment of the copyright law with do not refer to the tariff, but to such Baptist. It is a trivial detail. There Austria, however, will have this result. ulterior purposes as are well enough is glory enough for all, but the facts- In the meantime, it does not seem as if it really did so much harm.

> We observe with regret that the new At some other time, perhaps, we shall State Highway Commission has purchased but three automobiles since its appointment. As there are three comnissioners it is plain that some proper provision should be made for their various secretaries and clarks and the families of hese faithful subordinates.

> > It is better to let people make their own makes; I do.—The Hon. JAMES H. VAHEY. The people's mistake in the Vahev mat ter was by 60,156 majority.

clean up" the immigration station at Ellis Island. A quarter of the force is declared to be inefficient. How long ago were we told that this was the model institution of its kind in the world?

It may be all right to incorporate all notels as clubs, but are they going to "post" the members?

## THE SIEGE OF VERA CRUZ. Hore Than 12,000 Men Landed on the Beach of Collado.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: On Dage volume II. of Mr. Robert Wildin Neeser' "Statistical and Chronological History of the United States Navy" (put shed this year by the Macmillan Company of New York) it is said that for the pur-pose of besieging Vera Cruz, four thousand five hundred men were landed on the beach of Collado on March 9, 1847. This is correct so far, but since it mentions the landing of no more troops, thus giving the impres sion that the forty-five hundred soldiers ormed the total number debarked that day, it is at fault.

but the first part of the invading army. in one body; it was followed by other difour hours upward of ten thousand men were landed on the enemy's shore, armed, equipped and provisioned. M troops arriving on the next and the following day they were at once debarked, thus making a total of over tweive thousand men landed, together with horse and artillery, with their baggage, arms and provisions. For rapidity and success the landing stood and I believe still standa unrivalled. General Scott formulated its plan, Commodore Conner accepted it and with his squadron carried it out. For particulars see Rear Admiral Temple's Memoirs of the Landing, printed in my "Home Squadron Under Commodore Coaner in the Mexican War," also pp. 18, 19, 20 and 43, with footnotes, pp. 46, 47 and notes. troops arriving on the next and the follow-

notes.

By the by, I will add that our navy invaded Mexico in advance of our army, as is evidenced by the fact that a force of sailors and marines, commanded by Captain Aulick, under orders from Commodere Conner, landed and took possession of Barrita in Mexico on the morning of May 18, 1848, the army not crossing to the Mexican side of the Rio Grande until the afternoon of, that day, as stated in my "Home Squadron."

Philadelphia, July 13.

# FLY TIME FANCIES.

#### Excommunication as the Cleanest Ford of Exterminator.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Having de n killing off all those buzzing little pests the other evening with a book in my hand endeav which is given to account for the sudden that the Republicans are filching the my car, and tickled my nose. I whacked at the did I miss my victim. You know a fly at night. Omaha, Populism and Bryanism, triloudest in the quiet of the evening, is the worst It was not a very useful arrangement. umphant under Republican names in species of my known to man, unless it is his early morning fellow that tickles your feet, legs, hands, face, eyes and ears when day-dawns and you are sleep in good form. Well, I had just made my sixth futile assay

the face of the earth. I read that "St. Bernard, preaching on a summer day in a church where the people were annoyed by files, 'excommunicated' these winged insects; and in the morning they were found to be all dead and were swept out in heaps." "Good for St. Bernard," said 1. Imagine the satisfaction of seeing them "swept out in heaps." Why on a damp day any ordinar St. Bernard, but only a plain, ordinary but at times very trascible mortal, I resolved on my own remedy; and when that fly persisted in craw It is not easy to see how they could be used to increase a wages fund, or be made available for energetic young and silence which best become the some details in the copyright law be
of the West without money of the campaign for fly extermination, and the copyright law be
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of the campaign for fly extermination, and the campaign for fly extermination. chased that fly from table to chair and finally to while's brand new wall paper.

May the fly be exterminated forever! If the

cientists fall (and they surely will) let some umanitarian St. Bernard be raised in our mides who will apply his plous zeal to the securing of

# The Clothes We Wear.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: As to Mr. Flagg's discovery for himself that skin happiness in summer may be attained by leaving off underwear. I would say that some years ago on the wear. I would say that some years ago recommendation of a physician I discarded wear and presently discovered that the change made not only for comfort in summer but for practical immunity to colds in winter. Unfettered by the nether garments the skin

by reason of its freer contact with the air, ac-quires a vigorous tone that enables it to resist cold in winter and to quit leaking palpably and disgustingly in summer.

To be sure it may take a little moral and physi

cal courage to enter upon this regimen, but it is entirely practicable, safe and sane; and by it you get rid of sweaty discomfort now of shivering goosefican later, but you get a new joy in living, due to the possession of a better skin than you ever had before. EXPERIENCE. KNOXVILLE, Tenn., July 13.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Conceding Ernest Flagg's privilege to decorate his construc-tion on architectural lines, or with a simple ar-rangement of fig leaves subject to police sur-veillance, shall f be disloyal to TRE SUN if I pretermit, hereafter, consideration of his safter idiosyncrasies in favor of the more inspirit seasonable suggestions of your advertising of umns? William C. Gilliam. Nonwich, Conn., July 13.

Love Alert.

She is a very lovely dream, Of heavenly beauty quite a gleam, A poet's visionary theme But, when I look again, I see A form, that's not so fair to me,

Walking with my divinity. Her figure is extremely stout I'm sure she's subject to the gout; Her mother? Yes, without a doub!

Alas for this ephem'ral grace, For unmistakeably I trace The daughter in the parent's face: Not still will I be fancy free, This goddess will not do for me

I know that what has been will be

LA TOUCHE HANCOCK.

Once again Morocco is a storm centre. Europe gave a sigh of relief on February 9 when Germany published her famous pronunciamento admitting the paramount interests of France in the wild empire of northwest Africa. When the Hague tribunal gave a decision in favor of France a few weeks later in the matter of the Casablanca deserters and when Germany as if one element of anxiety and unrest had been definitely eliminated from Euro pean politics.

assorted troubles in Morocco. There are Hafid, who was himself a rebel and a pretender down to last September. Apparently there are three or four separate and distinct revolts, and one of them is so formidable that it looks as if it would speedily end the present reign. If so it is more than likely to create conditions which can only end in armed conflict with the European Powers which hold or are supposed to hold the empire in tutelage. Then there is the attitude of Mulai Hafid toward these same Powers. He has given great provocation to Spain, he has irritated England, and he is causing serious disquiet to France by his policy of obstruc tion and delay in carrying out the provisions of the Algerian treaty. Finally there is the state of open war that has broken out between Spain and the Riffian tribesmen in the neighborhood of Melilla a coast town which she garrisons and about which a large part of her interests

in the country centre.

The revolts against Mulai Hafid and his own policy of resistance to European pressure are alike almost inevitable sults of the circumstances under which he ascended the throne. When the southern section of the empire rose in 1907 and proclaimed him Sultan at Marakesh the grievance against the reigning Sultan, Abdul Azis, Hafid's younger brother, was the submission to European and Christian influences represented by the Algeciras pact. The hatred of the people was espe-cially aroused against France, the ally and backer, as it seemed to the Moorish people, of Abdul Aziz. As Mulai Hafid advanced to the coast and then swept north, winning victories over his brothe forces, and as one tribe after another and one practically independent chief after another joined his standard, the implied condition always was that when he had been proclaimed at Fez and thus became ruler over the entire land he would at throned Abdul Aziz, but about the same once proclaim a "holy war" and all the time an army of 8,000 men marched out foreigners would be swept into the sea,

never to return. Of course no such thing happened o could happen. When Mulai had beaten Abdul Aziz into confession of defeat and prayers for his life and a pension he found imself face to face with Europe and the Algeciras regulations for the reform of if Germany was on the point of brushing in which the army of Mulai Hafid, com-the Algeoiras embarrassment out of his manded by Kaid Mohammed Cherghi way and freeing him from his dilemma; but France stood fast and all the rest of Europe stood with her, so Germany abandoned him to his fate. The alternatives that confronted him were acceptance to the semi-domination by France and Spain which Abdul Aziz had contracted at Algeciras to accept, or else the holy war. Mulai Hafid is in his way a wise man

For a Moor he is a marvel of enlighten ment. He is the author of an impor tant Arabic grammar and of several volumes of poems-published in Cairo-and although a man of indolent temperament he is far superior to Abdul Asiz in a war with France and Spain. He understood clearly that he would not be Sultan of Morocco in any real or practical way until he secured the recognition of the European Powers. Germany then having backed out of the momentarily indicated purpose of making him her own ish feeling has been much wrought up protected Sultan, he made no more rerations of Abdul Aziz, includ the Mediterranean to the Sahara began to make threats, and pretty soon a few of them started actual rebellions. Since last rather than to France. September the new Sultan has been constantly engaged in wars, great or small, in various parts of the country with vary ing success. Of late his armies have been

pretty consistently beaten. The most characteristic feature of the situation is that while his fanatical subjects are trying to depose him for submit ting to European aggression, Mulai Hafid has shown no intention whatever of making any real submission. From the very day of his recognition he began a policy of passive resistance. Things finally came to such a pass that in the early part of by England, France and Spain-Mr. Val-to demand the abandonment of excuses and delays and direct an immediate compliance with the Algerias stipulations. Mulai received the envoys courteously. He showed an admirable readiness to carry out all the clauses which were to his own advantage, especially those covering increases of revenue and the raising of foreign loans he was in troops in order to head France off fro desperate need of money-but to all other demands he resolutely opposed all sorts of difficulties.

When he was asked to put in force Article 60 of the treaty, which provides for the case of Europeans taking up lands in Morocco, he replied that he had only lately come to the throne, the country was in a condition of disorder which h hadn't had time to suppress, and it would be quite too risky to allow Europeans to take up lands at any distance from the ment, in view of the general chaotic concities. Then he called attention to Article of the treaty, which guarantees the independence and integrity of the empire and pointed out that several sections are of all the Powers, to interfere to put down still occupied by foreign troops. In par- disorder and compel the restoration of ticular, he suggested that as a proof of friendship France should at once proceed to evacuate Oudida, near the Algerian frontier, seized more than two years ago in retaliation for the murder of Dr. Mauchamp, and the Chaouia, or region about from Melilla, Mar-Chico and Cabo-de Agua, points which she holds on the ments as to when their forces would be withdrawn. At this Senor Merry del Val lost his

Madrid on May 14. He will not be sent | text. back; some diplomat with more elastic patience will replace him. But indeed the Sultan has carried the dispute out of Africa. He has sent special missions to soon to connect New York with the Pennsyl Paris and Madrid. El Mohkri, the wily the Eric and the Lackawanna ralicoads. repotentiaries there, was received by of in this matter. Plainfield of in this matter. Plainfield winter Harson, Me., July 16. Algeoirss and won the respect of all the going to connect with these tunnels? President Fallières at the Elyase Palace

ne can and retard all other action. On Sunday last King Alfonso received specia ambassadors, sent, no doubt, to keep Spain from doing anything to the last

Spain's hand, however, has been forced in quite an unexpected way. Before coming to this, however, it will be well to take a plance at Mulai Hafid's domestic difficulties. Of course all the news comes from the interior of Morocco in a disconnected and fragmentary way, but there is ample proof of the continuity of trouble. In anuary of this year the news leaked Now, however, there are once more through Tangier that Mulai Mohammed the Sultan's one eyed brother, was dead. revolts against the new Sultan, Mulai It was intimated that he was poisoned. On November 27 preceding a group of malcontents had made him a pretender to the

November 27 preceding a group of malcontents had made him a pretender to the throne. In February it was announced that the Sultan had won the adhesion of that distinguished patriot Raisuli, who a week or two before had got \$25,000 from England for the surrender of Sir Harry Maclean, by making him Governor over the tribes near Tangier.

On March 7 the London Times was informed that the Sultan's troops had defeated the Ait Zussi tribesmen, who sued for peace. On March 8 they fought an indecisive battle with Berber tribes. All that month they suffered from torrential rains and bitter cold. They were hungry and ragged. Their tents were tattered. Deaths and desertions occurred daily in great numbers. On March 13 a Paris paper told of a battle in which troops trained by French officers lost twenty killed and fifty wounded. It was remarked on the surface of the same way as we puts holes through the panel back of dead latches on outside doors because there ain nothing will stop a man that knows the trade only a steel doors because there ain nothing will stop a man that knows the trade only a steel doors because there ain nothing will stop a man that knows the trade only a steel doors because there ain nothing will stop a man that knows the trade only a steel doors because there ain nothing will stop a man that knows the trade only a steel doors because there ain nothing will stop a man that knows the trade only a steel doors because there ain nothing will stop a man that knows the trade only a steel doors because there ain nothing will stop a man that knows the trade only a steel doors because there ain nothing will stop a man that knows the trade only a man that knows the killed and fifty wounded. It was remarked asually that the Roghi was at Oued Kaddour with 500 horsemen but was not threat-ening. This Roghi, it appeared, was not the mysterious Senussia leader, Bu-Hamara, lamentably famous by that title. Despatches received at the State Depart ment at Washington about the same date. however, said that this Roghi was advancing on Fez, and in these the Roghi was more or less clearly identified with Mulai-el-Kebir, another of the Sultan's trouble ome brothers

On April 22 Mulai Hafid's forces brought

into Fez a marabout named Kittani who had been preaching a holy war against the Sultan. He was paraded through the streets and put to death, but on the same day the Sultan's forces suffered a crushing defeat to the south and Mulaiel-Kebir advanced on Mequinez. Toward the end of April the situation was compli cated by some of the tribes starting a reactionary movement in favor of the deof Fez to attack the Beni M'tir tribes, who had lately defeated a smaller force. This movement seems to have checked the rebel bands, for practically nothing in the way of fighting was reported during May. Mequinez, and dating from that time Fez was described as being in a state of siege. his realm. For a moment it seemed as On June 14 another battle was reported. was put to flight. Swarms of demoralized fugitives carried the tidings into Fez, and the next day El-Kebir issued a proclamation declaring himself to be the Sultan Nothing has since improved his position. Several minor defeats of his forces are reported. His troops are unpaid and will not fight without money.

While the French by hard fighting speed ily brought the wild tribes around Casablanca to fear and respect them, the sion on the Riffian pirates and brigands who surround their ports at Melilla, Ceuta intellect. He is such a man as could be and elsewhere. Desultory fighting has under no illusions as to the outcome of been going on constantly, and murder and pillage of Spaniards who have mining sions in the surrounding country are frequent. This was one of the grievances over which Merry del Val lost his temper with Mulai Hafid, who is in fact powerless to prevent the outrages. Span over the situation, and a portion of the sistance. He formally accepted all the press and some opposition politicians Algerirae regulations. As soon as he ment to send a strong expedition to Mo-did so all the professional disturbers from rocco to establish Spanish prestige. The cry has been taken up, even, that Morocco should fall to Spain as a field of expansion

That the Government has feared the occasion might develop is suggested by certain credits secured during the recent ession of the Cortes, but Prime Minister Maura has all along stood out against a "policy of adventure," and he is said to have the backing of the King as well as of the wiser section of the public. The recent occurrences, however, seem to leave no choice but to act with vigor and an overwhelming show of power. The immediate occasion was the murder by tribesmen of four Spaniards who worked in a mine in the neighborhood of Melilla March a joint mission was sent to him A punitive expedition was sent out which attacked a large Riffian force, killed fifty Lister, M. Regnault and Senor Merry dei men and wounded about 150. This has set the entire country on fire. The tribesmen are gathering in thousands and the small Spanish forces are practically besieged in their works. Their danger, it is reported by cable, will be very great until reenforcements reach them.

Special effort is being made in Spain to hurry the embarkation of the nece coming to the rescue, a thing that Spanish interests could ill suffer and that Spanish pride would not tolerate. The danger of international complications growing out of this increase of the Spanish force in Africa is not serious. England is friendly to Spain and will not complain. Germany will be rather pleased to see anything happen that tends to depress the standing of France in Morocco.

In the meantime the Italian Govern dition of the empire, has started a movenent among the chancelleries of Europe to request France, as the repres safety and order at all costs

"Hamlet" in Japan

From Sports of the Times.

Japan, eager to rivel America and Europe, has appropriated our plays and presents them with Casablanca, occupied since the massacre there in the summer of 1907. He also invited Spain to withdraw her troops melancholy Dane first appeared in the uniform of a student of the Imperial University; then in the third act he wore a bright blue suit with striped northern coast. He refused, finally, to discuss any demands made upon him until was conventionally attired in evening dress. The France and Spain made definite state- King, not to be outdone by his son-in-law, changed his costume from the robes of a Japan man to a swallowtail coat and stovepipe hat Ophelia was beautiful in a kimono, but wood At this Senor Marry del Val lost his temper. He threatened the Sultan with dire things, and betook himself home to actors contended that they were justified by the

Neglected Commuters. To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: We read in the newspapers that the "McAdoo tunnels" are soon to connect New York with the Pennsylvania. negotiator who represented Abdul Aziz at about the New Jersey Central Raifroad? Is it not PLAINFIELD COM

THE BURGLAR PROOF BOLT. Professional Contempt for a Hou

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Ser: take my pen in hand to write you an answer to the mug that signs his name "Victim" what says that a bolt on your bedroom door nights will make you safe from burglars coming into the room and shooting you head off and to tell him the only way to be safe from harm by burglars is to lay still when they tells you to and after they has gone to collect from the burglary in

surance company. "Victim" is a duil guy if he thinks a bolt will stop any one that knows his trade because we always puts a gimlet hole through the panel right back of the bolt and slides it back quiet and easy just the same way as we puts holes through the panel back of dead latches on outside

to get hold of your gun with your toes and pull it up gentle and slow like you was still fast saleep till you get your grip on it and then if you are quick enough to make the burglar shoot in the smoke all right but if you aint got the nerve for the job youd better not have no guns around because he will shoot next.

Having been in the bolt slipping and pillow pistol collecting line for nine years for the growth growth grant and if know the game and if it know the game and it is the game

low pistol collecting line for nine years I guess I know the game and if I knowed where your mug "Victim" lives I would just come up some eveing and pinch his gun for him to show him his bolt is no good.

Sing Sing, July 13. Shoppy Mirks.

# MUSICAL COMEDY.

#### It the Public or the Manager That Wants Flube

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Every one will agree with the sentiments of your paragraph about the scarcity of good oper-atic librettos and the idea of the Metropolitan Opera House offering a prize for a decent book as well as the music to go with t. You add: "The man who writes bretto should know his business." course; but as matters stand agw the writer has to know, primarily and altogether, the

business of the manager.

Sometime since I wrote you on the subject of a musical satire I had perpetrated. peing marked by some interesting incidents. I interviewed a somewhat celebrated com-poser on the subject and said to him in my poser on the subject and said to him in my usual artiess way: "We all know you are capable of writing good music. Then why don't you? Is it because you can't fit respectable strains to the words you get, or is it the strains to the words you get, or is it the fault of the managers, who ineist that the public doesn't want anything but the trash that is at present provided?" He answered: "Yes, and yes." Still another composer did I approach. "Why do you write such baiderdash?" I ventured. "Because the public demands it," he replied. "Won't you substitute the managers for the public?" I suggested. He would readily. Visiting a voluminous writer of musical comedies I expatiated on the glory of his apartment. "Yes," he sighed, I got all this magnificence by writing rot. I have to do it."

So, you see, there are librettists and composers crying out to be good. It is really a moot question, considering the percentage of successes and failures during the last

words and music so as to train the audi-ences to better things. Alsei that's the old story of the man who wishes to give up drink by degrees. He can't do it. Besides, educating the public is a pretty expensive task. As a matter of fact it is educated, but can only get "best sellers" when it really wants sensable, well written books.

# THE DRY SIDE.

A Former Soldier Approves the Abolition of the Canteen. TO THE ED DR OF THE SUN ing "Virginian's" article in to-day's Sun I could not help feeling surprised and chagrined at the author's apparent jubilistion over the reversal of certain "dry" countles late "wet" at the polls.

Perhaps if "Virginian" dropped in some evening at 316 Water street or any of the rescue missions on the East Side of Manhattan and there listened to the testimony of redeemed drust telling of their degradation, misery and a induced by alcoholism, he would not take

broad view of the question.

Relative to the abolition of the army canteen
I should say it was a great uplift in the fight
against alcohol, because it enables the raw recruit who has enlisted from the rural districts,
therefore never knew the taste of liquor, to

My experience has been—and I write with au-hority, having served eleven months in the volthority, having served eleven months in the vol-unteer service of our late war, both on Govern-ment reservations here in the States and in Porto Rico—that the chilsted men who habitually use alcoholic stimulants invariably sought them out-side the reservation in the days of the canteen. If total abstinence is so impracticable in the army, why has it been so successful among our enlisted men in the navy?

T. N. Q.

New Your. July 14.

In the Kall Yogs TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUR—Ser: These lines from the Vishau purana descriptive of the Iron Age, in which we are supposed to live, seem singularly appropriate:

Hear what will happen in the kall yoge. The usages and institutes of caste, of caste will not prevail.

Nor yet the precepts of the triple Veda.

Religion will consist of wasting wealth. Heigion will consist of wasting weatin, in fasting and performing penances. At will; the man who owns most property, And lavishy distributes it, will gain Dominion over others; noble rank Will give no claim to lerdship; self-willed to the control of the control

Will seek their pleasure, and ambitious: Pix all their hopes on riches gained by The women will be fickle and desert Their beggared husbands, loving them alone Whogive them money. [Kings instead of guard Will rob their subjects, and abstract the we Of merchants, under plea of raising taxes. Then in the world's last age the rights of men Will be confused, no property be safe, No joy and no prosperty be lasting."

Here is a prophecy which has not fall Gasps, Canada, July 13.

The Riven Rock.

The Riven Reck.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: It may be of interest and as well of service to your Philadelphia patriot who writes so effectively and patnetically of incidents connected with Phymouth Rock's severse experiences, "a portion of which rock," he informs us, "is carefully preserved at New Plymouth," to be made aware of the fact that he need journey no further than to the borough of Brocklyn in order to look upon another section of Plymouth Rock, which the founders of the Church of the Pligrims, northeast corner of Remsen and Henry streets, in reverent commemoration of the first landing of the Pligrims, inserted in the outer wait of their church edifice.

## SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, July 12. Ploughing Bee For a Hospital.

From the Lancet.

A somewhat novel method of obtaining funds for a hospital was adopted by the Casterton (Victoria) committee. The president induced the committee to lease twenty-five acres of land and then arranged with a number of neighboring farmers to plough and sow it. Twenty-five teams turned to the ploughing operations, which were complete in a single morning.

No. Its Advertisor.

To the Entron of The Sun-Ser. Whose the Elmira Advertiser in recounting the delays at Rortek's Glen refers to "our representative," foce it mean its repres New Your, July 14.